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Re: Working Together - Establishing a City of Toronto - Toronto School Boards Working Group

While we are different levels of government, the City of Toronto, the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and the French-language school boards serve the same constituents: Toronto residents. We have a shared interest in the success of our children and many community services including pools, green spaces, and childcare. We also face common funding pressures.

There are significant opportunities to deliver high quality services more efficiently and effectively by working together, such as developing community hubs at schools that function as one-stop resources for community space, youth and seniors services, and recreation. The roll-out of full day kindergarten at our local schools also creates unique challenges and opportunities for public service delivery in our communities.

For these reasons, I moved a motion in May 2012 requesting to establish a City of Toronto – Toronto School Boards working group. City Council referred my motion to the City Manager for a report which has been delivered to your Committee at this meeting.

The Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board have both passed motions in support of this initiative and it strongly merits the support of City Council as well. I urge you to vote to approve the staff recommendations contained in this report.

Sincerely,

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